#### NEVADA EXCELLENCE IN MINE RECLAMATION AWARDS - 2020



# Virtual Awards Presentation September 28, 2020 Mike Visher – Awards Committee Chair











#### NEVADA EXCELLENCE IN MINE RECLAMATION AWARDS

- Awards Program began in 1991
- Purpose: "to recognize and share examples of successes in the areas of reclamation, closure, planning, and wildlife protection and enhancement in Nevada"
- Qualifications for an award:
  - Excellent mitigation of the environmental impacts of mineral industry activity
  - Work efforts which go above and beyond what is mandated
  - Worthy examples to share with others in the industry
- Awards require unanimous approval from Committee

#### 2020 Nomination Review Team:

- Brian Amme, BLM
- Daniel Atkinson, BLM/NDEP-BMRR
- Susan Elliott, USFS
- Dominique Etchegoyhen, DCNR
- Matt Maples, NDOW
- Kelly McGowan, SEP
- Joe Sawyer, NDEP-BMRR
- Mike Visher, NDOM



## Nevada Excellence in Mine Reclamation Award

KGHM Robinson Mine
Lane City Waste Rock Facility
White Pine County

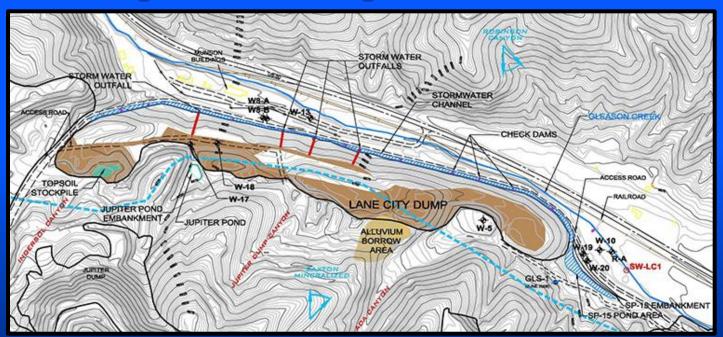
Award Category: Legacy Waste Rock Remediation





- Legacy mine feature
- Created 1950s 1978
- Predates NV reclamation regulations
- Identified as potential source of contamination to groundwater and adjacent creek

- > Reclamation included:
  - Regrading slopes to 2.5:1
  - Addition of limestone as buffering agent
  - Construction of new stormwater pond and ripraps to keep sediment from reaching creek
  - Covering surface with growth media and seed



Middle section, prior to seeding



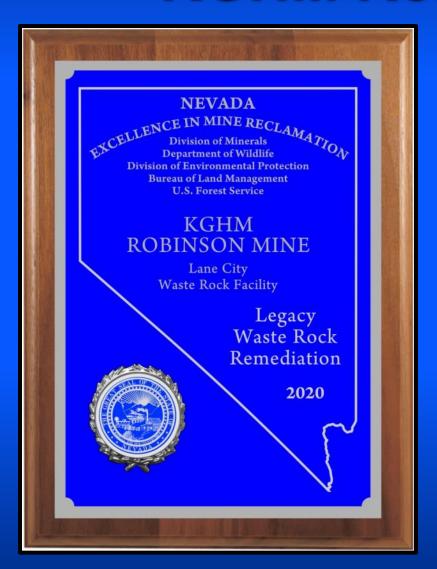
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➤ This project is an excellent example of a mine operator's commitment to protection of the environment and remediation of a legacy feature for the protection of the community in which it operates.



## Accepting the award for KGHM Robinson Mine:



Frederick Partey,
Manager
Environmental
Resources



## Nevada Excellence in Mine Reclamation

Hudbay Minerals/ Mason Resources (US) Inc.

Mason Exploration Project Lyon County

**Award Category:** 

**Concurrent Exploration Reclamation** 

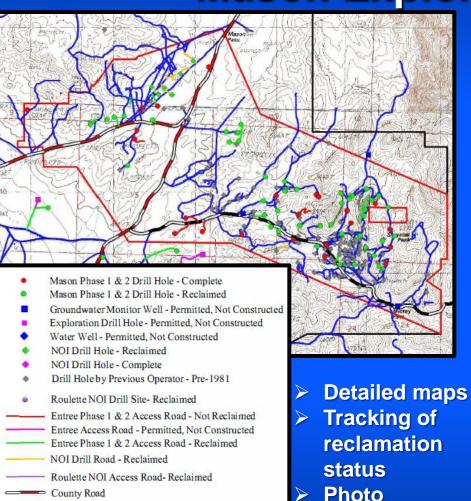
**Letter of Recommendation From:** 

Matt Donaldson, NDEP-BMRR



#### Mason Resources: Mason Exploration Project

documentation



Existing Road

Pre-1981Road

Pre-1981 Disturbance

Ann Mason PoO Approved Area

Ann Mason Project Land Outline

Concurrent reclamation during 10+ years of the project's exploration has allowed it stay well below its permitted disturbance of 50 acres.

#### Disturbed and Reclaimed Acreage Summary Table

Effective Date	Bonded Acres Disturbed	Bonded Acres Reclaimed, but not released	Total Acres Released	Description
2010-Jan	4.9	0.0	0.0	Disturbed acres rolled over from previous NOI.
2011-Feb	8.7	0.0	0.0	Initial Plan Level Drilling related disturbance.
2012-Jun	5.8	12.9	0.0	New disturbances followed by first phase of major reclamation.
2013-Jun	7.5	12.9	0.0	New disturbances
2014-Jun	7.5	12.9	0.0	
2015-Jun	13.3	11.3	0.0	New disturbances in fall 2014. Some previously reclaimed sites were re-occupied.
2016-Jun	13.3	11.3	0.0	
2017-Jun	4.3	20.3	0.0	Major phase of reclamation in Fall 2016.
2017-Dec	5.1	12.8	7.7	7.7 acres related to 40 sites and associated roads released.
2018-Dec	5.1	12.8	7.7	
2019-Dec	2.9	7.0	17.9	Additional 10.2 acres released. New 2.3 acres of disturbances created and reclaimed in same year. Third phase of reclamation totalling 4.4 acres.

#### Mason Resources: Mason Exploration Project

**Examples of successful concurrent reclamation:** 

Site BH-10-006

**Disturbed 2010** 

**Reclaimed 2012** 

Released 2017



#### **Mason Resources: Mason Exploration Project**

**Example of successful concurrent reclamation:** 

Site AM-14-060

Disturbed 2014

Reclaimed 2016

Released 2019



#### Mason Resources: Mason Exploration Project - 2019 Activity

**Drill site location (HBM-002)** 





**Drill pad 2019 prior to reclamation** 



Post reclamation 2019 (earthwork, scarification, and seeding)

#### Mason Resources: Mason Exploration Project – 2019 Activity

**Drill site location (HBM-003)** 



**Drill pad 2019 prior to reclamation** 





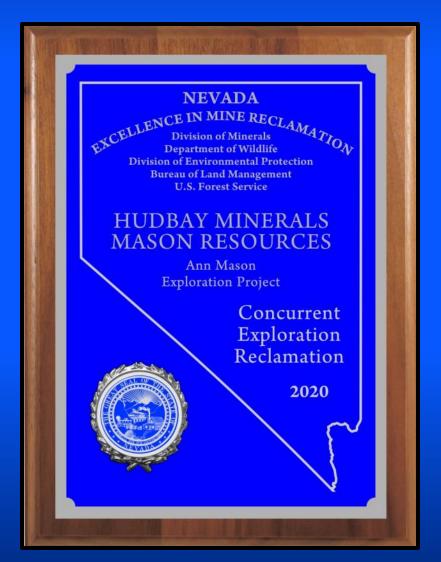
Post reclamation 2019 (earthwork, scarification, and seeding)

# Mason Resources Mason Exploration Project

➤ This project exemplifies the best management practice of concurrent reclamation to minimize the environmental impacts associated with permitted surface disturbance.



# Accepting the award for Mason Resources (US) Inc.:



Matthew Cunningham, Exploration Manager

## On behalf of the Awards Committee, thank you to all that submitted nominations and congratulations to our award winners.











Next year's submissions are due by July 9, 2021